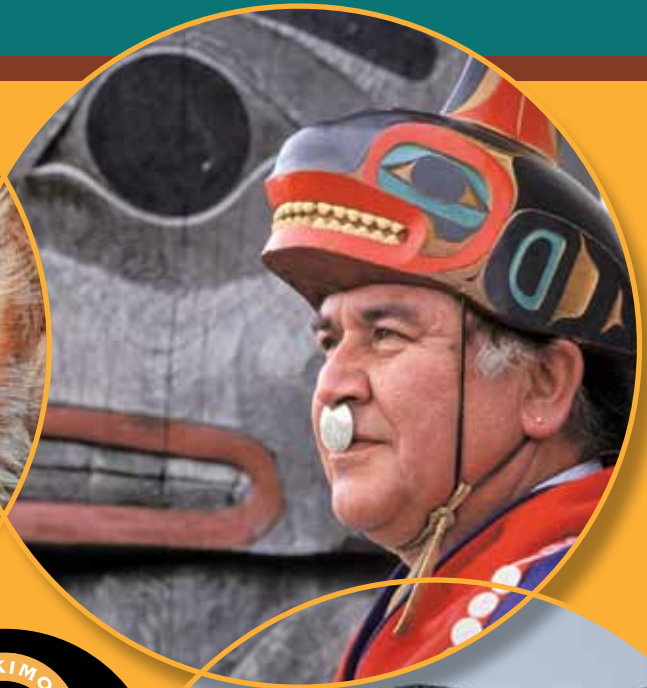


Alaska Federation of Natives • Annual Convention 2011

STRENGTH IN UNITY



October 20-22

Anchorage, Alaska

President Julie Kitka Co-Chairs Albert Kookesh & Ralph Andersen

AFN 2011 **Quyana Alaska**

*Two Nights
of Traditional
Song & Dance*

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Quyana Alaska I
Wednesday, October 19
7PM–11PM
TICKET \$10

Quyana Alaska II
Thursday, October 20
7PM–11PM
TICKET \$10



Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center • Tikahtnu Banquet Hall
600 W. 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska

Welcome!

As we come together for our annual Convention, we are reminded of the challenges and successes of the past. Over the many years of working together, we have learned is that it takes all of us working collectively to create real change. We at AFN are only as strong and as capable as our membership and our community partners. We thank you for making 2011 such a tremendous year of accomplishments. With your help and commitment to harnessing the strength of our communities, we are confident that we can be even more successful in 2012.

This year's Convention theme, "Strength in Unity," is both an homage to our accomplishments as a unified people and a powerful call-to-action—a summons for all Alaska Natives to find strength in our shared voice. Our history has taught us that progress comes from our collective strength. Our success is also due to the creativity, innovation, and sheer drive of our forbearers. In addition to the political and cultural aspects of the Convention, this annual gathering is a time for us to share our hopes, dreams and ideas.

Our keynote speaker, Alaska Native Iditarod winner John Quniaq Baker, is an amazing source of inspiration and a great example of what can be accomplished with wisdom, discipline and lots of hard work. Baker has spent the past twelve years visiting schools in rural Alaska where he speaks about establishing a dream, and pursuing it. His message is "dream, try, win," and he illustrates his program with stories of personal triumph—and failure—by explaining how we can turn both into opportunity.

We hope that the events and experiences of this year's Convention will challenge you, inspire you, and demonstrate the power of our communities. By coming together and channeling our strength, we can create positive change for our people. We look forward to working with you to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community.

Best wishes for an inspiring Convention
and a safe trip home~

Julie Kitka, AFN President



Alaska Federation of Natives 2011 President's Awards WINNERS

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Culture Bearer

Della Mae Cheney, Douglas

Della Keats "Healing Hands"

Sarah Smith, Anchorage

Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education

Agatha John-Shields, Toksook Bay

Elder of the Year

Chief Paul Williams, Fort Yukon

Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement

Joseph "Nashalook" Masters, Unalakleet

Health

Loretta Throop, Ninilchik

Hunter-Fisher

Thomas & Edith Pungalik, Noorvik

Lu Young Youth Leadership

Teressa "Tessa" Baldwin, Palmer

Parents of the Year

David and Teresa Ulroan, Chevak

Public Service

Dr. Gilbert Truitt, Sitka

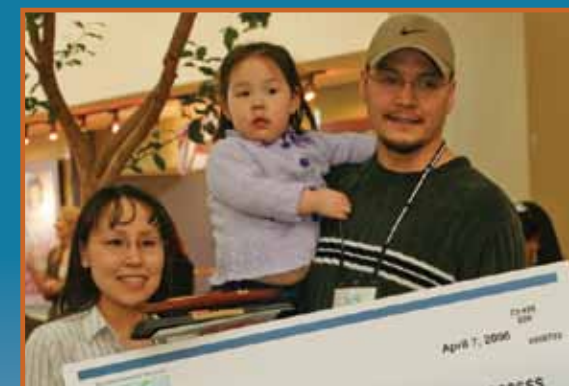
Roger Lang Youth Leadership

Peter Paul Squartsoff, Port Lions

Small Business

Raymond Michael May, Kodiak

Don't miss the 2011 Winners
Announcement on Thursday Morning!



Friday, October 21, 2011 • 11:30AM-1:30PM
Egan Center, Cook Hall

<http://www.alaskamarketplace.org>



AGENDA

Morning Session • Thursday, October 20

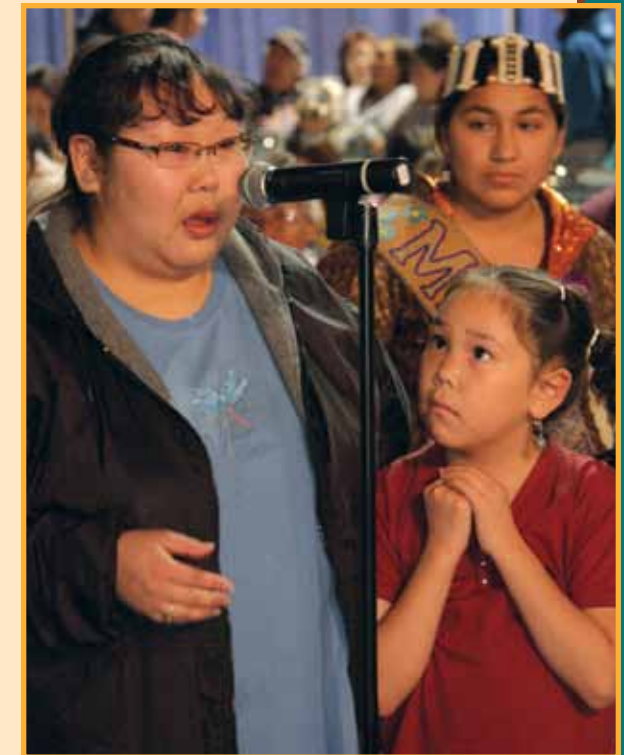
- 8:30 AM Tagiugmiut Dancers** Barrow
- 9:00 AM Call to Order**
AFN Co-Chairs
Albert Kookesh & Ralph Andersen
Posting of the Colors
Invocation & Blessing
Introduction of Parliamentarians
Introduction of Sergeant at Arms
- Introduction of AFN Board of Directors**
- 9:20 AM Welcome Remarks**
Mayor Dan Sullivan
Municipality of Anchorage
- 9:30 AM AFN President's Address** Julie E. Kitka
- 9:50 AM Special Alaska Marketplace Presentation**
Announcement of Winners
Julie E. Kitka, AFN President
Senior Leadership from
BP, ConocoPhillips, Denali Commission
- 10:00 AM Honorable Don Young**, Chairman
Native American Subcommittee,
House Resources Committee,
U.S. House of Representatives



AGENDA

Morning Session • Thursday, October 20

- 10:20 AM Keynote Address**
John Quniaq Baker
2011 Iditarod Champion
- 10:45 AM National Congress of American Indians**
Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive
Director
- 11:00 AM Guest Speaker Aqqaluk Lynge**, President
Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Greenland
- 11:10 AM AFN Leadership Committee**
Report & Recommendations
Tara Sweeney, Chair
AFN Leadership Committee
- 11:30 AM Elders & Youth Conference Report**
- 11:40 AM Recess for lunch**
First Lady's Just Move!



I Have a Dream

*I have a dream that one day I'll make true.
This is a dream that has been long past due.
Long ago we were all living sober and smart.
Changing this world pours out of my heart.
Keeping our pride, saving our race.
I'm not rushing you, go at your own pace.
Yes we are native, do not be embarrassed.
Because you see, it is something to be cherished.
Long ago we hunted and survived 50 below.
We survived so much, we are strong you know?
We were punished, hated, and segregated.
We should show pride, which needs to be stated.
Our race has survived thousands of years.
What's ruining us are those "several" beers.
Tell me why you drink. Is it you're sad?
Or is it to get away when you're mad?
But please trust me when I say...
We're better than that, please give it away.*

*We're losing our culture, my most prized possession.
So take my hand, together we'll walk out of depression.
Can you imagine the happiness in your soul when you
notice what we've done?
We will be happy, sober, knowing we clearly have won.
So what do you think? Does it sound good to you?
If you don't like it, what can I do?
Do you know one native not affected by alcohol?
Every person has an alcoholic family or friend after all.
Can you feel the hurt of booze taking your family?
Or if you drink should your family be the fee?
So please put your bottle down. Then you can say...
"You don't control me anymore! I put you away!"
You can smile, and laugh. No fights over nothing.
God will change your life; don't think that I'm bluffing.
So let's change this world! Pour it out on the banks!
And when we are all happy and sober, I say thanks!*

by Brittany Arey 2010

AGENDA

Afternoon Session • Thursday, October 20

- 1:00 PM Call to Order**
AFN Co-Chairs
Albert Kookesh & Ralph Andersen
Recognition of Convention Denali Sponsors
- 1:30 PM Preliminary Credentials Report**
Chairman & Committee Representatives
- 1:35 PM Call for Nominations for Chair or Co-Chairs**
- 1:50 PM Guest Speaker**
Max Angellan, Tribal leader
Kwethluk
- 2:00 PM Special Convention Video on Unity**
Southcentral Foundation
- 2:15 PM Guest Speaker**
Honorable Ben Shelly, President
Navajo Nation
- Introduction by**
Edward Thomas, President
Tlingit & Haida Haida Central Council



AGENDA

Afternoon Session • Thursday, October 20

- 2:35 PM Convention Dialogue**
Unity
- Moderator**
Liz Medicine Crow, Vice President, FAI
- Special Guests**
Reggie Joule, Representative
Alaska State Legislature
- Ralph Góos'k' Wolfe**
Apprentice Tlingit Language Teacher
Yakutat Tlingit Tribe
- Guests**
Will Anderson, President/CEO, Koniag, Inc.,
Maver Carey, President/CEO
Kuskokwim Corporation
Mike Williams, Tribal Leader, Akiak
Jerry Isaac, President/CEO
Tanana Chiefs Conference
Richard Peterson, President
Organized Village of Kasaan
Clare Swan, Chair, Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- 5:00 PM Recess**



AGENDA

Morning Session • Friday, October 21

8:30 AM Kicaput Dancers Anchorage

9:00 AM Call to Order

9:05 AM Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor
State of Alaska

9:25 AM Alaska State Legislature
Bush Caucus Report
Representative Reggie Joule

9:35 AM Convention Dialogue
Strengthening Our Relationship
with the State of Alaska

Moderator

Gloria O'Neill, President
Cook Inlet Tribal Council

Special Guests

Mary Sattler, Manager
Community Development & Sustainability,
Donlin Gold Project

Honorable Edward Itta, Mayor
North Slope Borough



AGENDA

Morning Session • Friday, October 21

Guests

Willie "Iggiagruk" Hensley, Chair
First Alaskans Institute

Ken Johns, President/CEO
Ahtna, Inc.

Irene Dundas, Tribal Member
Ketchikan Indian Community

Jason Metrokin, President/CEO
Bristol Bay Native Corporation

Donna Erickson, Board Member
Bering Sea Women's Group

Georgianna Lincoln, Board Member
Doyon, Limited

11:30 AM Recess for Lunch
AFN President's Awards
Honors Luncheon
Cook Room, Egan Convention Center



AGENDA

Afternoon Session • Friday, October 21

1:30 PM Dakhk'a khw'ann Dancers Southern Yukon

2:00 PM Call to Order
AFN Co-Chairs
Albert Kookesh & Ralph Andersen

2:05 PM Final Credentials Report
Chair & Committee Representatives

2:10 PM AFN Co-Chairs Candidate Speeches

2:25 PM Convention Dialogue
*Strengthening Our Relationship
with the State of Alaska*

Moderator

Gloria O'Neill, President
Cook Inlet Tribal Council

Special Guests

Valerie Davidson, Senior Director
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Roy Huhndorf

Board Member/Chairman Emeritus, CIRI



AGENDA

Afternoon Session • Friday, October 21

Guests

John Moller, Senior Rural Affairs Advisor
Office of the Governor, State of Alaska

Mike Hanley, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Education
& Early Development

Daniel Sullivan, Commissioner, Alaska
Department of Natural Resources

William Streur, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

Natasha Singh, General Counsel
Tanana Chiefs Conference

Emil Notti, Former Commissioner
Alaska Department of Commerce,
Community & Economic Development

4:00 PM Honorable Lisa Murkowski
U.S. Senator, State of Alaska

4:20 PM Honorable Kimberly Teehee,
Senior Native American Advisor
to the President, The White House

4:30 PM Guest Speaker
Edward Thomas, President/CEO
Central Council of Tlingit
& Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

4:45 PM Honorable Larry Echo Hawk
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
U.S. Department of the Interior

5:00 PM Recess for the day



AGENDA

Saturday October, 22

- 8:30 AM Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers** Kodiak
- 9:00 AM Call to Order**
AFN Co-Chairs **Albert Kookesh & Ralph Andersen**
- 9:05 AM Guest Speaker**
Thomas Barrett, President
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
- 9:15 AM Convention Dialogue**
Strengthening Our Relationship with the Federal Government
Moderator
Dr. Rosita Worl, Chair
AFN Federal Indian Policy Committee
Message from the Honorable Daniel Inouye,
Chairman, U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee
Message from the Honorable Daniel K. Akaka
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
Guests
Richard Trudell, President/CEO
American Indian Resources Institute
Loretta Tuell, Majority Staff Director
U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
Chris McNeil, President/CEO, Sealaska Corporation
- 11:40 AM Honorable Mark Begich**, U.S. Senator, State of Alaska
- 12 NOON Recess for Lunch**
- 1:00 PM Call to Order**
AFN Co-Chairs **Albert Kookesh & Ralph Andersen**
- 1:05 PM 2010 Resolutions Follow-up Report**
Julie E. Kitka, President
- 1:10 PM 2011 Resolutions Committee Report**
Gregory Razo, Chair
Convention Delegate Action on Resolutions
Election of AFN Chair(s)
Introduction of 2011/2012 AFN Village Board Members
- 3:45 PM Closing Remarks**
Ethan Schutt, Senior Vice President
Land & Energy Development, CIRI
- 4:00 PM Adjournment**



AFN BANQUET 2011

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Saturday
October 22

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Reception
6:00 PM

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Banquet
Hall
Doors
Open
6:30 PM

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Dinner
7:00 PM

Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center • Tikahtnu Banquet Hall
600 W. 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John Quniaq Baker



John Quniaq Baker was born, raised, and lives in Kotzebue. A dog musher, pilot and motivational speaker, he enjoys living and training in Arctic Alaska. John has always been eager to learn from Inupiat elders about the land and animals—especially dogs. He has applied this knowledge drawn from his Native heritage, while also developing his own innovative techniques that reflect the ingenuity and adaptability of his people, who have lived in the Arctic for thousands of years.

Baker has spent the past twelve years visiting schools in rural Alaska where he speaks about establishing a dream, and pursuing it. His focus is “dream, try, win,” and he illustrates his program with stories of personal triumph— and failure—and how to turn both into opportunity.

Baker entered his first Iditarod Sled Dog Race in 1996. He has completed sixteen Iditarod races with twelve finishes in the top ten and two in third place. This year he became the first Alaska Native musher to win the Iditarod since 1976.

SPEAKERS



Senator Albert Kookesh

Senator Albert M. Kookesh serves in the Alaska State Legislature for Senate District C, the largest in the United States. In service to the Native community, Sen. Kookesh is the Co-Chair of the AFN Board of Directors, Chair of the Sealaska Corporation, Trustee of the First Alaskans Institute, and Executive Committee Member for life in the Alaska Native Brotherhood Grand Camp. He is Tlingit of the Eagle-Bear Clan and his Tlingit name is “Ka’shaan.” He has lived his whole life in Angoon with his wife Sally Woods-Kookesh from Tanana and is a proud father of five children and nine grandchildren.



Ralph Andersen

Ralph Andersen is of Danish and Yupik descent from Dillingham, Alaska in Bristol Bay. Ralph lived in Barrow for about 20 years, where he worked at the North Slope Borough, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and Ilisagvik College. Ralph and his family moved back to Bristol Bay in 1998 when he joined the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) as the Natural Resources Department Director. Ralph is now the Chief Executive Officer of BBNA.



Mayor Dan Sullivan

Dan Sullivan is a fourth generation Alaskan, the third of nine children of George and Margaret Sullivan. He was elected mayor of Anchorage in 2009 after serving three consecutive terms in the Anchorage Assembly. Dan’s wife Lynnette is an award winning elementary school teacher and his daughter Jennifer graduated with honors from the Anchorage School District and from the University of Oregon’s Clark Honors College in 2009. Dan attended the University of Alaska Anchorage and graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Oregon.



Julie Kitka

Ms. Kitka is a Chugach Eskimo and shareholder of Chugach Alaska Corporation. Kitka currently serves as president of the Alaska Federation of Natives at the pleasure of a 37 member Board of Directors representing the 13 Regional ANCSA corporations, the 12 regional nonprofit tribal associations and the villages. She represents AFN before the U.S. Congress and federal agencies and the Alaska State Legislature and state agencies on Native issues of statewide importance.

SPEAKERS



Congressman Don Young

Congressman Don Young was re-elected to the 112th Congress in 2010 to serve his 20th term as Alaska's only Representative to the United States House of Representatives. A former schoolteacher and state legislator, Congressman Young was first sworn in as a freshman to the 93rd Congress after winning a special election on March 6, 1973. Congressman Young is today the second ranking Republican member and the sixth ranking overall member of the House of Representatives. Congressman Young proudly serves as the "Congressman for All Alaska" and loves his role as the only Alaskan Representative in Congress.



Jacqueline Johnson Pata

Jacqueline L. Johnson Pata is the Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). She has been a member of the Sealaska Board of Directors since 1999. Jackie has chaired the National American Indian Housing Council and is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Programs for Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She has also served as Director of the Chilkoot Native Youth Culture Camp in Haines and as past Executive Director of the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority. Jackie is Tlingit of the Raven Tribe and is "Lukaax.ádi" from the Sockeye house in Haines, Alaska. Her Tlingit name is "Ku seen."



Aqqaluk Lynge

Aqqaluk Lynge has represented the Inuit of Alaska, Canada, Greenland and the Far East of Russia as President of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC) from 1997 to 2006. At the 11th General Assembly of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, Mr. Lynge was elected Chair of ICC. He has promoted the rights of Indigenous Peoples both in his home country of Greenland and globally since his youth. He has also demonstrated a deep commitment to pan-Inuit unity since the early 1970s and, before becoming ICC President in 1997, he served as a continuous member of the ICC Executive Council since 1980. Mr. Lynge resides in Nuuk, Greenland with his wife Erna and their two children.



Tara Sweeney

Tara Sweeney is the Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC), and is responsible for all facets of the corporation's media and government relations and communications. Tara has been honored for her advocacy of Alaska Native rights and promoting local programs that focus on cultural values, practices and traditions. Tara was honored in 2008 as a "Top Forty Under 40" business leader by the Alaska Journal of Commerce, and has served on numerous business and nonprofit boards, including the Alaska Federation of Natives. She serves on AFN's Leadership and Legislative Committees.

SPEAKERS



Max Angellan

Max Angellan has been serving as Tribal Administrator for the Organized Village of Kwethluk since September 2009. He has been actively involved with his tribe and community for over 20 years. Mr. Angellan began work as a Tribal Administrator from 1989 to 1998. He then worked as an Executive Director for the Kwethluk Tribal Resident Council, Inc., a local housing entity for the tribe, from 1998 to 2010. Mr. Angellan has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Rural Development from the University of Alaska Fairbanks conferred in May 2001 majoring in Local and Tribal Government Administration. He has served in various local and regional organizations to advocate their interests and issues.



Edward Thomas

Edward K. Thomas "Tsa Xoo, Skil' Quidaunce" is Tlingit of the Raven moiety, Sukteeneidí (Dog Salmon) Clan. He serves as President of the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, a position he has held for over 23 years. Mr. Thomas has served on numerous boards and brings an outstanding record of high-level service and tribal leadership in the region, within the state and nationally. He has served on the Sealaska Board of Directors since 1993. He was born and raised in Craig, Alaska.



President Ben Shelly

Ben Shelly was sworn in as President of the Navajo Nation on January 11, 2011 after serving as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate for 16 years and four years as Vice President in the Shirley-Shelly Administration. President Shelly was born in Thoreau, New Mexico. He is of the Tó' aheadlínii clan born for Ts'ah Yísk'ídnii. His maternal grandfather is Ashiihi and his paternal grandfather is Totinii. His wife of 45 years, First Lady Martha Shelly, is originally from Coyote Canyon. She is Tábaahí and born for Tódích' ii' nii. Together they have five children and ten grandchildren.



Liz Medicine Crow

Liz Medicine Crow, *Haida/Tlingit*, is from Keex Kwaan (Kake), Alaska. On her Haida side, she is Eagle Tiits Gitee Nei, Hummingbird. On her Tlingit side, she is Raven Kaach.adi, Fresh Water-marked Sockeye Salmon. Her maternal grandparents were Mona & Thomas Jackson, Sr. of Kake, her paternal grandparents were Lillian and Charles Cheney of Washington, and her parents are Della and William Cheney of Kake. Her husband, Cloud Medicine Crow, *Hidatsa*, is a contemporary American Indian artist, and they are the guardians of their niece, Abby. Although she works in Anchorage, Liz's heart is always at home with her family and people. Liz is the Vice President of First Alaskans Institute and the Director of the Alaska Native Policy Center.

SPEAKERS



Representative Reggie Joule

Representative Reggie Joule was elected to the Alaska State House in 1996 and currently represents District 40. Currently he is a Bush legislator in coalition with the House Majority, member of the House Finance Committee, Chair of the House Finance Subcommittee on the Health & Social Services and Chair of the Bush Caucus. Previously he served on the Kotzebue City Council, the NANA Regional School Board, the local Dog Musers Association and the NANA Regional and Village Corporation Board. In 2010, his long involvement in Native games was recognized by being inducted into the prestigious Alaska Sports Hall of Fame.



Ralph Góos'k'Wolfe

Ralph James Wolfe is an Apprentice Tlingit Language Teacher for the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe. Ralph was raised on Prince of Whales Island in the town of Craig. Wolfe is Haida, Tlingit and Hawaiian, his family comes from an old village South of Hydaburg. He is a member of the Kooskidee (frog) clan, of the Haida eagle moiety. Wolfe's Tlingit name is Góos'k'. Wolfe serves as the Youth Advisor for the Sealaska Board of Directors. He is a member of the Native Emerging Leaders Forum (NELF). He is a member of the Woosh.Ji.Een dance group. Wolfe has also served as the Youth Representative for Tlingit and Haida Central Council.



Will Anderson

William (Will) Anderson, Jr. was born on Kodiak Island. He is a Koniag shareholder and is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Koniag, Inc. His prior work includes Chief Financial Officer for Koniag, Inc.; Finance Director for Afognak Native Corporation; and Vice President of Finance for Integrated Concepts and Research Corporation in Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Anderson is a Director of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Native Heritage Center and serves on the board of several other cultural and civic organizations, including the Koniag Education Foundation; the Alaska Native Heritage Center; the Alutiiq Museum and Archeological Repository; the Foraker Group; and the Board of Trustees of the University of Alaska Foundation.



Maver Carey

Maver Carey is President/CEO and a shareholder of the Kuskokwim Corporation (TWC). She is also the founder of the Alaska Native Village CEO Association (ANVCA). Mrs. Carey also serves as CEO of TKC Development, Inc. which encompasses operating companies; including Suulutaaq, TKC Aerospace, TKC Properties, Inc., and Kuskokwim Community Growth Corporation, a subsidiary providing support and services to both the Alaska Native Village CEO Association and other Village Corporations. Raised in Fairbanks and Anchorage, Maver Carey is of Yup'ik Eskimo and Athabascan Indian descent, with family ties to Aniak.

SPEAKERS



Mike Williams

Mike Williams is currently working as a Substance Abuse Counselor for his village. He has held several public service positions, including: Secretary/Treasurer for his Tribal Council and former Chair; Chief of the Yupiit Nation, a consortium of Tribes; Vice Chairman of Yupiit School District; Kuskokwim College board member; Member at Large, National Tribal Environmental Council; Board member, Institute for Tribal Governments, Portland State University; Former National Congress of American Indians Area VP; Former Vice Chair, Alaska State Board of Education; Former Chair, Alaska Inter-Tribal Council; Former Chairman for Association of Village Council Presidents; Former Chairman and Vice Chairman of Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation Hospital Board.



Jerry Isaac

Jerry Isaac is Athabascan from Tanacross, Alaska and serves as the President of the Tanana Chiefs Conference. President Isaac was raised traditionally by his family teaching him essentials of Athabascan culture and language. He is fluent in the Tanacross Athabascan language and a strong supporter and advocate of cultural preservation. President Isaac has been very active in Tanacross tribal and community affairs, serving as the President of the Tanacross tribal council from 1980 until he was elected as TCC President in 2006. Jerry was reelected in 2011 to serve his last three-year term as the President of Tanana Chiefs Conference.



Richard Peterson

Richard Peterson "Ch'aa Yaa Eesh" is Tlingit from the Kaagwaantaan clan and is a lifelong Alaska Native resident of Southeast Alaska. Richard lives in Kasaan and has served the community in the capacity of Tribal President of the Organized Village of Kasaan (OVK) since 1998, and as either Mayor or City Council Member since 1996. He has been a delegate to the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) since 2000, a four time elected member of the Southeast Island School District Board of Education since 2003 and is currently serving as President of the School Board.



Clare Swan

Clare Swan was born in Kenai, Alaska, and is an elder of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, which is Dena'ina Athabascan. Ms. Swan is the Chair of CITC, a position she has held since 2000. She served on the CIRI Board of Directors from 1991 to 2006. She was Chair of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe for 15 years and led the effort to secure the Educational Fisheries net for the Kenaitze Tribe. As Chair, she helped establish the Dena'ina Health Clinic and developed youth programs and a community agricultural program. Inspired by CITC's vision statement, Ms. Swan is also an active participant in the effort to revitalize the Dena'ina language.

SPEAKERS



Governor Sean Parnell

Sean Parnell became Alaska's 10th Governor in July 2009 and was elected to his first full term in November 2010. Since taking office, Governor Parnell has focused on growing economic opportunity and strengthening Alaska families and communities. The *Choose Respect* initiative embodies Governor Parnell's commitment to end the epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska. The Governor launched the Alaska Performance Scholarship to transform educational opportunity for the youth in our great state. With his leadership in bringing equal opportunity for rural school construction, more young Alaskans have a shot at a positive future. Married to Sandy since 1987, they have two daughters and a son-in-law.



Gloria O'Neill

Gloria O'Neill is President and CEO of Cook Inlet Tribal Council, a position she has held since 1998. Ms. O'Neill is originally from Soldotna, AK and is of Yupik and Irish descent. She is active in the community and currently serves as a Board member for the Anchorage Museum, Anchorage Community Land Trust, Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Chanlyut, Inc., the Alaska Federation of Natives, and the National CASA Association. In 1998, she was recognized as one of the "Top Forty Under 40" by the Alaska Journal of Commerce, for her commitment to the community and demonstrated professional excellence.



Mary Sattler

Mary Akalleq Sattler is a Yup'ik Eskimo and lives in Bethel, Alaska. She currently works for Donlin Gold as the Manager of Community Development and Sustainability. Mary served ten years in the Alaska State Legislature as the Bethel area State Representative from 1998-2008. She is a board member of the Alaska Humanities Forum, the Alaska Native Arts Foundation, the Girl Scouts of Alaska, the Kuskokwim Little League and was recently elected to the Bethel City Council. She has four children: Conrad, Matthew, Job and Nora.



Mayor Edward Itta

Edward S. Itta has been Mayor of the North Slope Borough since November of 2005 and next month will be the end of his two terms. He has served in a variety of leadership positions for the regional government, ASRC, and he was President of LCMF, Inc., a subsidiary of UIC, the Barrow village corporation. Mayor Itta is a hunter and a whaler, and active in the civic, cultural and spiritual life of the community. He is a husband, father and grandfather, and is committed to protecting the Inupiat subsistence heritage and ensuring the long-term social and economic viability of all the North Slope communities.

SPEAKERS



Willie "Iggiagruk" Hensley

Willie Hensley is Manager of Federal Government Relations for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, the organization that operates and maintains the 800-mile Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). He has been with Alyeska for almost four years. He was appointed to head the Washington, D.C. office of Alyeska in August 1998. Prior to his employment with Alyeska, Hensley was appointed Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development by Governor Tony Knowles. Hensley was a founder of NANA Regional Corporation, served as a Director for 20 years and concluded his career there as President.



Ken Johns

Ken Johns is actively involved at Alaska Federation of Natives. He serves on the Board of Directors, Human Resources, Subsistence, and Convention Committees. Since 2001, Mr. Johns has served the President Ahtna, Inc. and ten subsidiaries and committed to make shareholder hire a priority. In addition, he is strongly committed to the Native community by serving on the boards of the Alaska Village Initiatives, Wells Fargo Bank, ANCSA Presidents and CEOs Association and the Copper Center Chapel. Mr. Johns and his wife of 35 years, Leona, reside in Tazlina and are the proud parents of four children.



Irene Dundas

Irene Dundas' Tlingit name is "Ka Klaa Tlaa" and she has grown up between the villages of Saxman and Kake, Alaska. Irene currently serves on the Ketchikan Indian Community Tribal Council as a Tribal Council Member and serves as a Board of Director for Cape Fox Corporation an Alaska Native Corporation and Cape Fox Heritage Foundation. Irene has worked for Alaska State House Representative Bill Williams as a Legislative Aide for two Legislative Sessions. For the past 17 years she has worked for the Cape Fox Corporation and Cape Fox Heritage Foundation as Repatriation Manager/Cultural Specialist. Currently, Irene is the Interim Executive Director for the Cape Fox Heritage Foundation.



Jason Metrokin

Jason Metrokin is President and Chief Executive Officer of Bristol Bay Native Corporation. Mr. Metrokin was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. His family hails from Kodiak Island and Bristol Bay Alaska as well as Massachusetts. As a beneficiary of his late grandfather's shares in BBNC, Jason is a Bristol Bay descendant and is the first non-original shareholder of an Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) corporation to become President/CEO. Mr. Metrokin previously worked as Vice President and Development Director at First Alaskans Institute and as a Vice President and Commercial Relationship Manager at Wells Fargo Bank (formerly National Bank of Alaska). In 2000, he was chosen as one of Alaska's "Top Forty Under 40."

SPEAKERS



Donna Erickson

Donna Sauraq Erickson is an Inupiaq raised in Barrow but living in Unalakleet. She has become a leader in the Alaska Native wellness movement as well as being an accomplished Native artist. She and her husband, Jeff, of 29 years have raised five sons as well as many others who've blessed their home. She is also a proud "Aaka" (Grandmother) of three beautiful granddaughters. She is on the Board of Directors for the Bering Sea Woman's group. Her home has been a safe home for victims of domestic violence for over 20 years. Donna is happiest out gathering food in God's great creation with her family



Georgianna Lincoln

Georgianna Lincoln serves as Chairwoman of Doyon Communications, Inc., Doyon Development Corporation, Doyon Drilling, Inc., Doyon Properties, Inc., Doyon Services Corp. and Doyon Tourism, Inc. Ms. Lincoln served as Chairwoman of Doyon, Limited from March 2005 to 2008. She has been Director of Doyon, Limited since 1976. She served as a Director of Alaska Native Heritage Center, Incorporated. She is a lifelong commercial and subsistence fisherwoman, she retired in 2005 from the State Senate, having served 14 years in the Legislature. She served on numerous state boards and commissions.



Valerie Davidson

Valerie Davidson, of Anchorage, is Senior Director of Intergovernmental and Legal Affairs for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). She represents Alaska Native health needs at federal and state levels and advises ANTHC leadership on all legal matters. Ms. Davidson has extensive experience working in Bethel on Alaska Native health and tribal governance issues. She has previously worked for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation and as a state legislative staffer on rural health care issues. She fills the seat representing Alaska's tribal health community on the Alaska Health Care Commission.



Roy Huhndorf

Roy M. Huhndorf is the principal of R.M. Huhndorf & Co and has served on CIRI's Board since 1972. He has been a director of organizations such as the Anchorage and Alaska State Chambers of Commerce and University of Alaska Board of Regents. Huhndorf currently serves as a Director of Southcentral Foundation and the Alaska Native Medical Center Joint Operating Board.

SPEAKERS



John Moller

John Moller is Senior Rural Affairs Advisor and Special Staff Assistant to Governor Sean Parnell. Born in Unalaska, John lives in Juneau with his wife and four children. John has worked for many years in Alaska as a commercial fisherman and owns and operates a commercial fishing vessel in Southeast. John's desire to serve his community and to effect change has led him to serve on a number of Native and local government community boards and committees, including four years on the Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. He also served for 13 years as general manager of the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association.



Mike Hanley

Mike Hanley began his tenure as Commissioner of Education & Early Development on February 3, 2011. Hanley served as a teacher in the Anchorage School District from 1991 to 2005. He was an elementary school principal in the Anchorage School District from 2005 to January 2011. Hanley also has experience owning and operating commercial fishing and landscaping businesses. In Anchorage, he coached youth soccer, basketball and running. He was a board member of the Campbell Creek Science Center, which provides outdoor activities for youth and families.



Daniel Sullivan

Dan Sullivan was appointed Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by Governor Sean Parnell in December 2010. Sullivan's previous positions include: former Alaska Attorney General; U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs; law clerk and attorney. He has served in the United States Marine Corps since 1993 on active duty and in the reserves. Sullivan is the recipient of numerous professional, academic and military awards, including the White House Fellowship, the National Security Council Outstanding Service Award and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.



William Streur

William J. "Bill" Streur was appointed Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services on February 1, 2011 by Governor Sean Parnell. Streur also served as Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid and Health Care Policy for DHSS for three years and has more than 30 years of experience in health care administration. Before joining the state, he served as Senior Director for First Health Services' Alaska operations and before moving to Alaska in 2003, he was President and CEO of the Upper Peninsula Health Plan in Michigan. Streur is retired U.S. Air Force, a Vietnam and Desert Storm veteran and recipient of the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medals.

SPEAKERS



Natasha Singh

Natasha Singh has served as General Counsel for Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) since September 2010. Natasha is the daughter of Karm and Renee Singh and granddaughter of Steve and Valerie Matthew. She is a Stevens Village Tribal member and serves as a Tribal Judge. Natasha graduated from Dartmouth College in 2004 and the University of Washington School of Law in 2007. She clerked for the Alaska Superior and Supreme Court until she began as Associate Counsel with TCC in 2008. Natasha enjoys advocating for the rights and health of her people.



Emil Notti

Emil Notti is former commissioner for the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs. His extensive background includes first President of the Alaska Federation of Natives during which he was an instrumental player in establishing the state's Native corporations; past President of Doyon Limited; 30-year board member with the National Bank of Alaska; and Veteran of the United States Navy. Emil Notti was born in Koyukuk is an engineer, prominent Alaska Native leader and Alaska public servant.



Senator Lisa Murkowski

Senator Lisa Murkowski is the first Alaskan-born Senator and only the sixth United States Senator to serve Alaska. Senator Murkowski is a third generation Alaskan, born in Ketchikan and raised in towns across the state: Wrangell, Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage. As the state's senior Senator, Lisa Murkowski has been a strong advocate for Alaska on the important issues facing the state, including energy, health care, education, military/veterans' affairs and infrastructure development. She was elected to a full six-year U.S. Senate term in 2004, and was re-elected in 2010 in a historic write-in campaign, the first successful write-in effort to the Senate since 1954.



Kimberly Teehee

Kimberly Teehee is currently the Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs for President Barack Obama. From 1998 to 2009, Teehee has served as a Senior Advisor to the House of Representatives Native American Caucus Co-Chair, Congressman Dale Kildee (D-MI). A member of the Cherokee Nation, she has also served as the Director of Native American Outreach for the Presidential Inaugural Committee for President Clinton's second Inauguration. Prior to that, Teehee was the Deputy Director of Native American Outreach at the Democratic National Committee. She has also held various positions with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, including serving as a Law Clerk in the Division of Law and Justice.

SPEAKERS



Secretary Larry Echo Hawk

Larry Echo Hawk, an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, was confirmed by the United States Senate as the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior on May 19, 2009. Mr. Echo Hawk is the 11th Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs to be confirmed since the position was established by Congress in the 1970s. In addition to carrying out the Department's trust responsibilities regarding the management of tribal and individual Indian trust lands and assets, the Assistant Secretary is responsible for promoting the self-determination and economic self-sufficiency of the nation's 564 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and their 1.9 million enrolled members.



Thomas Barrett

Admiral Tom Barrett, USCG (ret.) became the President of Alyeska Pipeline Service Company on January 1, 2011. Prior to Alyeska, Admiral Barrett was the Deputy Federal Coordinator for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects (OFC), managing the Alaska field office. Before joining OFC, Barrett was Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) in Washington, D.C. He was confirmed August 8, 2007 and served until May 23, 2009 under both President Bush and President Obama.



Rosita Worl

Dr. Rosita Worl "Yeidiklats'okw" is Ch'áak' (Eagle) moiety of the Shangukeidí (Thunderbird) Clan from the Kawdliyaayi Hít (House Lowered from the Sun) in Klukwan. Yeidiklats'okw serves as the President of Sealaska Heritage Institute and Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Alaska Southeast. Yeidiklats'okw has a Ph.D. and a M.S. in Anthropology from Harvard University, and a B.A. from Alaska Methodist University. Dr. Worl has received many honors and works with several different Native organizations. She is an accomplished lecturer, author and professor.



Senator Daniel Inouye

Daniel K. Inouye, the most senior member of the U.S. Senate and the President Pro-Tempore, is known for his distinguished record as a legislative leader, and as a World War II combat veteran with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who earned the nation's highest award for military valor, the Medal of Honor. Senator Inouye has championed the interest of Hawaii's people throughout his career. Senator Inouye was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962 and previously served as Hawaii's first congressman from 1959 until his election to the Senate.

SPEAKERS



Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka

Daniel Kahikina Akaka is America's first Senator of Native Hawaiian ancestry, and the only Chinese American member of the United States Senate. First elected to the U.S. House in 1976, Congressman Akaka was appointed to the Senate, subsequently winning election to the office in 1990, and re-election in 1994, 2000, and 2006. Raised in a deeply religious family, Senator Akaka is a member of the historic Kawaiaha'o Church where he served as choir director for 17 years. He and his wife Millie are the parents of four sons and a daughter who have blessed them with 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



Richard Trudell

Richard Trudell founded the American Indian Lawyer Training Program, Inc. (AILTP) in 1972 and the American Indian Resources Institute (AIRI) in 1980. As the Executive Director of AILTP and AIRI, Trudell created educational and training programs, leadership forums and publications for tribal leaders and the Indian legal community to address developments in the law and policy arenas impacting tribes and Native communities. He has also assisted with the development of a number of organizations, such as Indian Youth of America and the National Indian Justice Center. Mr. Trudell is an enrolled member of the Santee Sioux Tribe in Nebraska, an attorney, a veteran and resides in Piedmont, CA.



Loretta Tuell

Loretta Tuell is the Majority Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) and serves on behalf of Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI), Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs in the 112th Congress. Ms. Tuell is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe and has practiced Federal Indian law, represented American Indian tribal governments and developed national policy in Indian Country. Ms. Tuell has also served as the Director of American Indian Trust and the Acting Director of the Office of Tribal Services at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). In 2009, Loretta received the American Bar Association's Margaret Brent Award, a national prestigious recognition award for women attorneys.



Chris McNeil, Jr.

Chris E. McNeil, Jr. is Tlingit and a member of the Nisga'a Nation. He is Eagle Daklaweidi (Killerwhale) House and his Tlingit name is Shaakakóoni. Chris has served as the President and CEO of Sealaska Corporation since 2001. Originally from Juneau, he has worked for Sealaska since 1978, holding various positions. Prior to joining Sealaska, Chris held numerous positions around the country, including but not limited to: Washington Representative and Counsel to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation in Connecticut, Chairman of the Native American Rights Fund and Director of American Indian Programs at Stanford University.

SPEAKERS



Senator Mark Begich

Senator Mark Begich is in his third year representing Alaska in the U.S. Senate, where his primary focus is building a strong Alaska economy. Already in his short time in the Senate, Senator Begich has risen to key positions for Alaska. He was recently named Chairman of the Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard, which has broad jurisdiction over important Alaska issues. He works on behalf of Alaska's servicemen and women on the Armed Services Committee and also is a member of the Veterans, Homeland Security and Budget committees. As Chairman of the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee, Senator Begich holds the Number Five position in the leadership for the Senate majority, which he uses to advocate on Alaska issues.



Gregory Razo

Greg Razo is Vice President, Government Contracting at CIRI and heads up CIRI's efforts in pursuing minority-preference, small business contracts. Razo is Yupik and grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. Razo has been a Director of CIRI, Cook Inlet Tribal Council and The CIRI Foundation. He is an active member of the Alaska Bar Association and is a Director of Alaska Legal Services Corporation and the Alaska Pro Bono Program. Razo is the Chair of the Anchorage United for Youth Leadership committee. He also sits as a member of Anchorage's Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Policy Team and as a Director for the Alaska Federation of Natives.



Ethan Schutt

Ethan Schutt is Senior Vice President, Land and Energy Development at CIRI and oversees CIRI's land and energy development departments including the exploration and leasing of those lands for oil and gas, mineral and other natural resource development. He also directs CIRI's efforts in developing renewable and alternative energy projects. Schutt is Athabascan and from Tok, Alaska. He joined CIRI in 2005 as general counsel. Previously, he was general counsel for Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks, Alaska. Schutt served on the Doyon Ltd. Board of Directors from 2003 to 2006. He serves on the boards of Covenant House Alaska and the Resource Development Council. Schutt was selected as one of Alaska's "Top Forty Under 40" award recipients in 2004.



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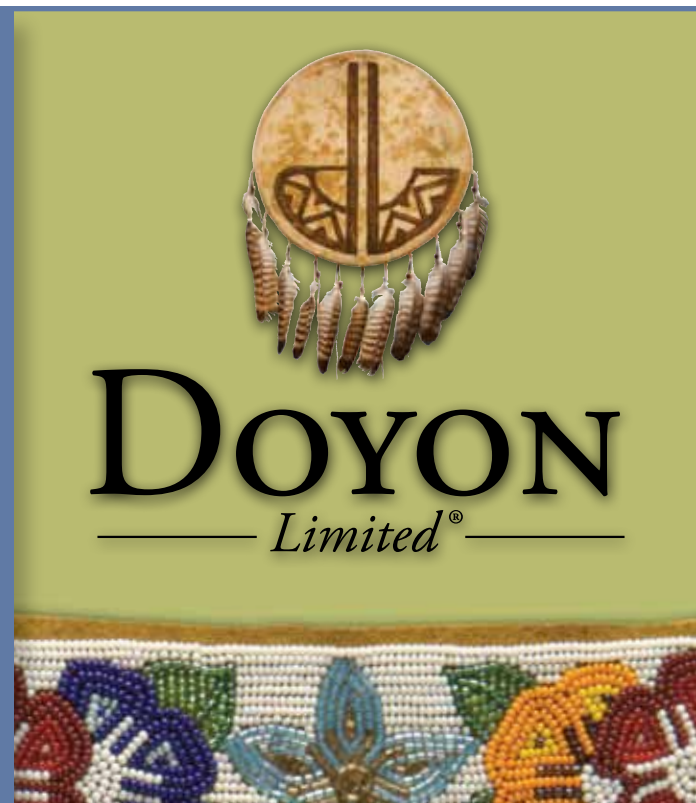
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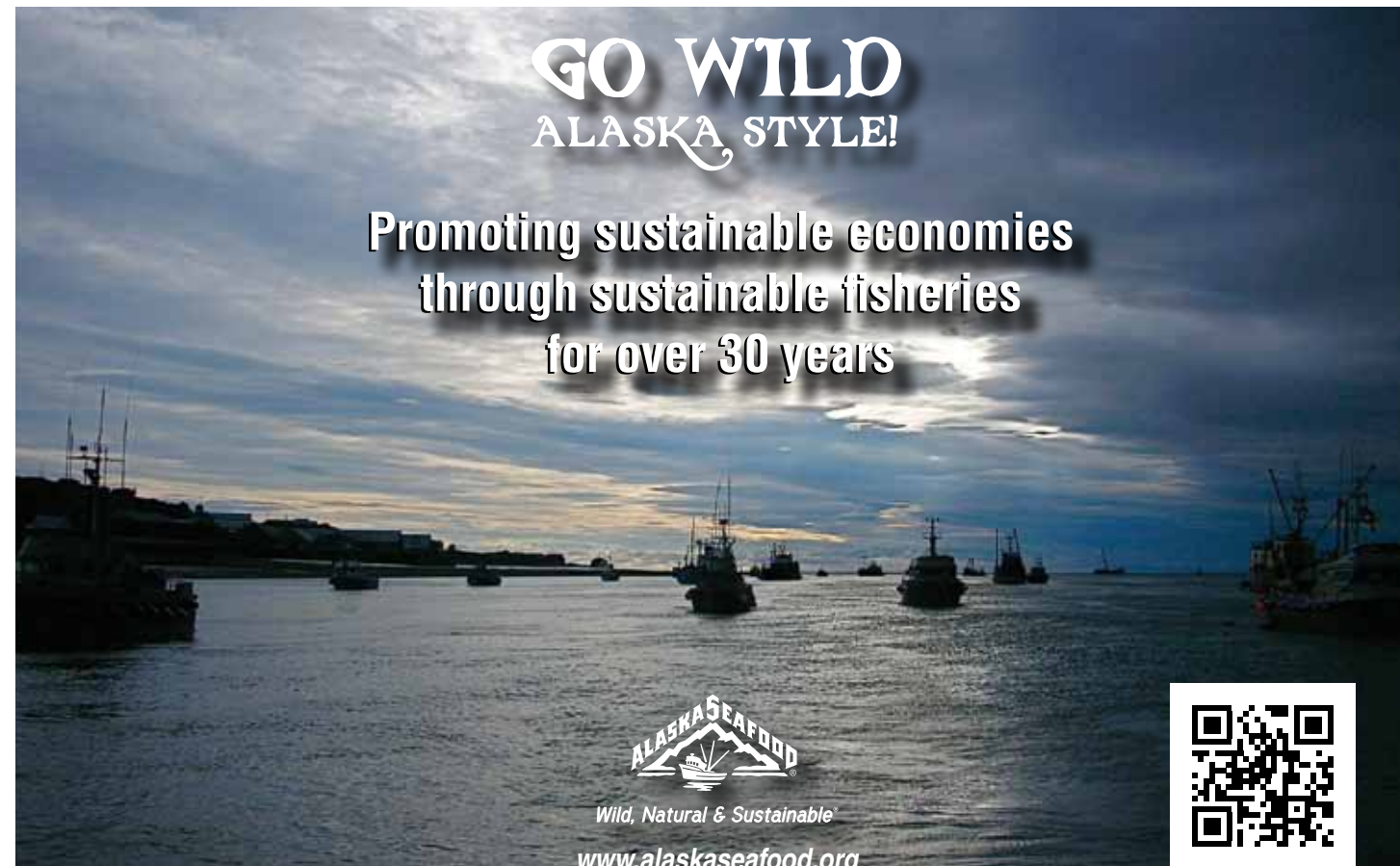

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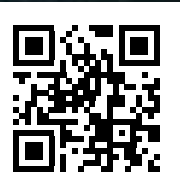
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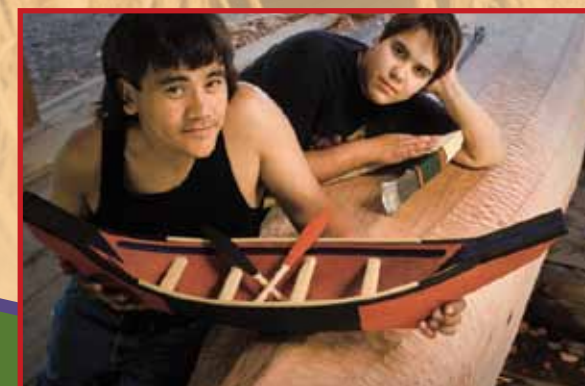
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